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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE FREEDOM OF THE SEAS.

Lord Grey on Anglo-American Naval Policies.

London, December 12.

Viscount Grey, speaking at Dewsbury, said he saw no reason whatever why the naval policies of the United States and Great Britain should not be comparatively easy provided the peoples on both sides were perfectly frank and did not allow misunderstandings to grow up regarding what each meant. A question closely connected with it was the question of the freedom of the seas, which was not a German but an American phrase. The Germans adopted it, used it for their own purposes in a sense, and with an intention to which we could never have agreed; hence its unpopularity. There was no need to anticipate difficulty about agreement regarding its meaning until President Wilson came to discuss it with our Government. If it meant freedom of the seas in peace time, we agreed. The United States had some rule forbidding foreign ships to carry goods between the United States and the Philippines. Some other countries had a similar rule. We never had such a rule and we ought to receive a little more recognition than we do for the fact that we had never used British naval power in peace time to make the use of the seas easier for ourselves without making it simultaneously easier for others on the same terms. If it was a question of freedom of the seas in war time, Viscount Grey pointed out that the United States co-operated in making the blockade complete and without such co-operation we might have lost the war.

AUSTRIAN WAR REVELATIONS.

How Germany Kept Her in the War.

New York, December 12.

The Associated Press correspondent interviewed Count Czernin in Vienna. Count Czernin said Austria in 1917 made desperate efforts to get out of the war, even to the extent of offering Galicia, the richest coal and oil Province of the Empire to Germany if the latter would surrender Alsace-Lorraine, but Germany rejected this proposal. Ludendorff was even willing to declare war against Austria if the latter made a separate peace.

THE SILVER MARKET.

Increased Trade Demand Expected.

London, December 12.

Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Company's report says the tone of the market is good. The fall in price by 5-16 of a penny, on the 6th inst., was due to a reduction in the rates of insurance from America.

An Order-in-Council has removed the embargo on the export of articles wholly or partly composed of silver. This will doubtless tend to increase the trade demand for silver in England.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

GERMAN SOCIALIST PLANS.

Amsterdam, Dec. 15.

A message from Berlin states that the programme of the Spartacus group includes the disarmament of all non-proletarian forces, the formation of a workers' militia, and Red Guard, the abolition of all officers and non-commissioned officers, the replacement of all authorities of the former regime by representatives of the Soviets, the abolition of all Parliaments and Councils and the election of a Central Council which will elect and control the Executive Council, the cancellation of all public debts above a fixed amount of subscriptions, the expropriation of all landed estates, banks, coal mines, and large factories and the confiscation of all fortunes above a fixed amount.

THE ALLIED OCCUPATION.

London, Dec. 15.

A Belgian communique states: Our Rhine front was extended yesterday from Ossenbrugg to Wessel bridge. Paris, Dec. 15. According to a message from Bern German newspapers state that a French regiment has occupied Wiesbaden.

INDIAN DELEGATES TO PEACE CONFERENCE.

London, Dec. 15.

Indian delegates to the Peace Conference have arrived in London.

PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT ASSASSINATED.

Killed in Lisbon Two Days Ago.

Dr. Sidonio Pais, President of the Republic of Portugal, was assassinated last Sunday evening December 16, at the railroad station at Lisbon, according to a telegram received here last night by Dr. Amadeu da Silva, the Portuguese Consul-General at Canton, says the Canton Times of today. Dr. Pais was sometime Professor of Mathematics of the University of Coimbra. He was a Lieutenant Colonel of the Portuguese Artillery and one time Portuguese Minister to Berlin.

Dr. Pais was the leader of the Revolution of December 5, 1917, when he took the active part in suppressing the Democratic Party.

The flags of the Canton Portuguese Consulate will be at half-mast to day.

Sale of War Bond Tickets. We understand that, owing to the fact that St. Andrew's War Bond tickets have been so widely distributed at the Coast Ports and some time must elapse before the counterfoils are returned, the Committee has decided to postpone the date of the drawing until February 15, 1919. Tickets will therefore be sold in Hongkong up to this date.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

The Humour of the Police Court.

Mr. C. D. Melbourne is just the

man to rid this Colony of the illicit traffic in opium. He is, we believe, persona grata with the Revenue Officers, and this reputation is being enhanced. Now we know why. Mr. C. D. Melbourne was transferred to the Magistracy. The gods on Olympus wanted him to clean an Augean stable, namely, the unabated traffic in opium, and he is doing it splendidly. More power to his elbow. If all opium cases were tried by Mr. Melbourne, won't the Revenue officials rejoice! If Mr. Melbourne does not swerve from the policy which he seems to have laid down for his guidance, we presume that within three months Hongkong will cease to be the Paradise of the opium smuggler and the Revenue inspectors may get their leave, which is now considerably overdue.

When a woman was prosecuted yesterday, before Mr. C. D. Melbourne by Inspector Wildin for being in possession of 312½ tael of prepared opium no one had the faintest idea what was in store for her. Mr. P. W. Goldring, who appeared for this Chinese woman (the mistress of a sampan), submitted that his client was totally innocent. The Police, it appears, raided her boat and in a hold were found concealed two small gunny bags to which were attached two heavy stones, presumably so that when arrested the opium could be thrown into the sea and sunk in a minute. The woman's story was that she was the victim of an opium gang. Somebody from Yuenwei engaged her boat and left the stuff with her and had her now left in the lurch. Mr. Melbourne gave her the option of either paying \$10,000 or undergoing six months' hard labour.

A Magisterial Invite. We suggested a couple of weeks ago that Mr. Woodcock should put up a sign at the Magistracy to the effect that no ladies are admitted. In the absence of such a sign Mr. J. R. Wood has today sent out an invitation to Mrs. B. M. Dyer although not after this style: "Mr. J. R. Wood requests the pleasure of Mrs. B. M. Dyer at the Magistracy on Thursday for a conversation." It appears that this morning a gardener employed by Mrs. Dyer was charged before Mr. Wood, at the instance of the Forestry Department, for cutting down a tree standing on Crown land. The tree was near Craig's Road, just below Mrs. Dyer's house, on the hillside. The tree was being cut down with a chopper and the servant was arrested by a Forestry officer. A very interesting discussion took place between Mr. Wood and Sergeant Cashman, after the latter explained that the defendant told him that he was ordered by Mrs. Dyer to make a garden, and the servant to carry out the order had to cut down the tree, which he was also requested to do. Mr. Wood:—Has Mrs. Dyer got a permit to make a garden?—The Sergeant:—No; probably the gardener is telling the truth. As there is a misunderstanding I must have one of the other. The Magistrate:—It looks as if Mr. Dyer ought to be charged with trespass. I do not see how you can charge this man alone. The Sergeant:—I think there is no other way open. The Magistrate:—Has Mr. Tatcher considered the matter?—The Sergeant:—Mrs. Dyer told me she spoke to the Hon. Mr. W. Obathism for making a garden on the hillside. The Magistrate:—In that case Mr. Tatcher and Mrs. Dyer should be here. The Sergeant:—Shall I ask Mrs. Dyer to come to the Police Court?—The Magistrate:—Please. And Mr. Tatcher

CORRESPONDENCE.

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A STREET INCIDENT.

[To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—This morning at eleven o'clock the following incident occurred outside of Alexander Buildings in Chater Road. A little Chinese boy, aged about ten, was endeavouring to earn an honest livelihood by selling (without a licence perhaps) sweets and peanuts to the ricksha coolies round about, who suddenly, without warning, a European constable swept down from a nearby hiding place to effect a smart arrest. He however, was not agile enough for he failed to capture his victim. But alas! for the poor youth he captured the basket instead. I then endeavoured to study the psychology of this policeman's mentality and also the situation which presented itself.

The bobby pondered and then I saw a wicked grin surface his countenance. What was the scheme? I looked and could not believe my eyes. The policeman was distributing his spoil of sweets and nuts to the ricksha coolies, whilst the rightful owner stood at a safe distance and harled epithets of no great complimentary value at the policeman's back. The ricksha coolies were highly delighted, for they immediately started to feast on the largest distributed by their friend the constable. The latter, having now had his revenge, stalked off with a face which denoted satisfaction, self-esteem and cleverness; while the lad ran off crying with his empty basket trailing behind him.

Mr. Editor, I am afraid I have encroached too much on your valuable space already, but I feel it is necessary to bring to the notice of the public this act of valour, magnanimity, and cleverness. This constable really ought to be highly recommended, especially as his action has tended to placate ricksha coolies, who were on strike recently to the no small inconvenience of the public. If all our policemen deal thus magnanimously with our worthy ricksha men strikes will be unheard of in the future.

Yours etc.
AN ADMIRER OF THE POLICE.
Hongkong, Dec. 14, 1918.

as well. I wish to know more about this case. The hearing was fixed for Thursday and the gardener held on bail of \$10. Now there will be little a flutter in the Peak devotees.

Indecent Literature.

There must be a lot of indecent literature being circulated amongst the Chinese, which the Police are not cognisant. It is a diabolical means of making a living, and Society has no sympathy with a man who runs the gauntlet of Police proceedings for feeding the depraved lust of certain beasts. Ho Tack (no earthly relation with any of the Christmas card Tack!) felt a bit surprised when he was hauled up by Mr. J. R. Wood for distributing indecent circular with his pills. It appears that a Chinese constable purchased some of these pills and received the circular in question. The pill-seller's plea was that the pills were entrusted to him for sale. He was the master of the chop. The Magistrate:—This paper is full of indecent matter. To distribute any matter of this kind is an offence. You are fined \$50. Another man, who in the same way was selling pills, was fined \$50 and the pills were ordered to be destroyed.

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LONDON SCOTTISH REGIMENT WAR MEMORIAL.

[To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—On behalf of the Committee of which I am Chairman, I take the liberty of asking you to grant the most valuable publicity which your columns will afford to the scheme which in this week being launched for the provision of a War Memorial Fund in connection with the London Scottish Regiment.

It is our hope that we may succeed in obtaining a sum of at least £50,000. No smaller amount, we believe, will adequately meet the claims, many of them of a most pathetic nature, which will be made on behalf of the distressed relatives and dependents of the brave men of the Regiment who have lost their lives and of those who have been maimed or crippled by the mischances of war. The case of widows and children will be considered first; in many cases it will be found that the State provision will be utterly insufficient to meet the needs of those who, born in circumstances of culture and comfort, are suddenly left destitute. Without such help as we desire to provide, University education, or a fitting start in a Home or Colonial career, would be hopelessly out of reach of those who, but for the war, would have been assured of such advantages.

And the majority of recent accessions to the Regiment have been drawn from classes still less in touch with affluence or wealth. Our wounded—many of them permanently incapacitated—number many thousands; it will be no small responsibility to see that these are enabled to resume their old—or, in most cases, perhaps, prepare for wholly new—occupations, with the hope and prospect of success.

It is therefore our earnest desire that this appeal should meet the eyes of all Scottish people at home and abroad whose hearts are touched by the noble sufferings of their countrymen, and to whom it is a matter of pride that this famous Territorial Regiment was on the actual field of battle within a few weeks of the beginning of the War, and had, before three months had passed, won for itself and for Scotland—as it has been doing ever since—at tremendous sacrifice, undying honour.

Already, privately, sums amounting to over \$14,000 have been promised. The office bearers of the Committee are Her Royal Highness Princess Louise, who is Patron, and whose husband, the late Duke of Argyll, was Hon. Colonel of the Regiment; the Right Hon. Arthur James Balfour, O.M., M.P., whose brother, the late Colonel Eastgate Balfour, for so long held the command—Hon. President; Lt. Colonel B. C. Green, O.M.G., T.D., Officer Commanding the Reserve Battalion—President; and Lord Balfour of Burleigh, K.T., G.O.M.G., G.O.V.O.—Treasurer. Subscriptions should be made payable to the London Scottish Regiment War Memorial, and sent to Headquarters, at 59, Buckingham Gate, London, S.W.1.

Yours etc.
ARCHIBALD FLEMING,
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Chaplain, London Scottish.
London, Oct. 19, 1918.

Banker's Transfer. We understand that Mr. Cecil Champkin, acting manager of the Mercantile Bank in Hongkong, is shortly to be transferred to Singapore and will be replaced at the end of the month by Mr. Sanders, who is coming from Bombay. Mr. Champkin has been here for three years.

SUPREME COURT.

The Fook On Insurance Co., Ltd.

In the Supreme Court, this morning, before Sir William Ross Davies, K.C., Chief Justice, petition was made by the Fook On Assurance Company, Ltd., for confirmation of a special resolution passed at extraordinary general meetings of the Company, amending the Memorandum of Association to enable the Company to carry on business as bankers in all its branches and to do all matters identical thereto. In making the petition, on behalf of the Fook On Assurance Company, M. F. O. Jenkin, C.B.E., instructed by Mr. George Hastings, of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, said this was an application for confirmation by His Lordship of the proposed enlargement of the objects of the Memorandum of Association. The petition was filed on November 15 and application is made under section 10 of the Companies Ordinance of 1911.

The steps by which the application was brought about were four in number. In the first place, the Company had to pass a special resolution, which had been done. The petition had to be presented to the Court, which had been done. According to the practice of English Courts certain notices had to be given to people whose interest are affected. That had been done. Lastly, His Lordship could confirm the alteration in the petition under sub-section 4. The firm was incorporated in 1901 and had therefore carried on business for seventeen years. The capital was \$1,600,000, of which \$500,000 was paid up. The Company carried on marine, fire and life insurance, and its reserve funds amounted to \$97,000 and it had paid in dividends over \$500,000 and was therefore very flourishing. The firm's head office was in Hongkong and it had branches in many cities in the East. The proposed alteration appeared in the petition, paragraph 6.

His Lordship:—Is it intended to give them a note issue?

Mr. Jenkin:—No, My Lord.

Proceeding, Mr. Jenkin said that His Lordship knew that the practice, according to cases at Home, was that the Court gave a liberal interpretation to Section 10 of the Companies Ordinance and did not interfere with experts of any of the Companies if they were of the opinion that such alterations were advantageous to them. His Lordship had granted similar extensions and he thought the most recent case was that of the Sun Company. In that Company they were universal providers and His Lordship granted extension of the objects of that firm to permit it to go in for life, fire and marine insurance and also for theatrical enterprises and banking.

His Lordship:—This special resolution requires a three-fourths majority?

Mr. Jenkin:—Yes. They had that.

His Lordship granted the petition.

Queen's College Athletics Visit Canton.

A football game between the Union Christian College and the Queen's College of Hongkong was played at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of December 16, in Hongkong. The score was 4 to 3 in favour of the Canton Christian College. At 7.30 o'clock in the evening of the same day three colleges had a swimming contest in the swimming pool of the Queen's College. The Canton Christian College won the day.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

Interesting Cases This Morning.

The Bankruptcy Court sat this morning before the Chief Justice and the following cases were dealt with:—

Albert Abraham. The Official Receiver (Mr. H. A. Nabbit) stated that the debtor had paid a dividend of 60 per cent. and there were sufficient funds for a further 10 per cent. Debtor's conduct had been satisfactory and his discharge was asked for.

The debtor was discharged. re The Ko Fat Nam Firm. The Official Receiver said this was a case where an interim receiver was appointed. The debtor's liabilities amounted to \$168,000 and his assets to \$69,000.

Mr. Hayward, appearing for the petitioning creditor, said he understood that the assets amounted to only about \$1,000 which arose from collection of book debts.

The Official Receiver opposed a receiving order, and the petition was dismissed.

Li Hoi Shan. In his public examination, the debtor stated that his assets were \$14,000 and his liabilities were \$28,000. He attributed his insolvency to the fact of non-payment of goods sold. The cheque for payment was stopped, it being claimed that the goods were not up to sample.

The examination was closed. The Hing Lung Firm.

In his public examination, debtor stated that he was sole master of his business. His liabilities were \$62,000 and his assets \$25,000. He attributed his insolvency to paying heavy interest on money borrowed.

The examination was closed.

Lam Kin Sang. In his public examination, the debtor said his liabilities amounted to \$300,000 and his assets to \$400,000, in the shape of book debts. His business was sold for \$52,000. There were no partners in his firm.

Cross examined by Mr. Hayward, who had been appointed outside trustee, debtor said his brothers, although they put money in the business and signed a mortgage deed as partners in the firm, were not actually partners. The business was left him by his father when the latter died.

After further examination, the hearing was closed.

Other Cases.

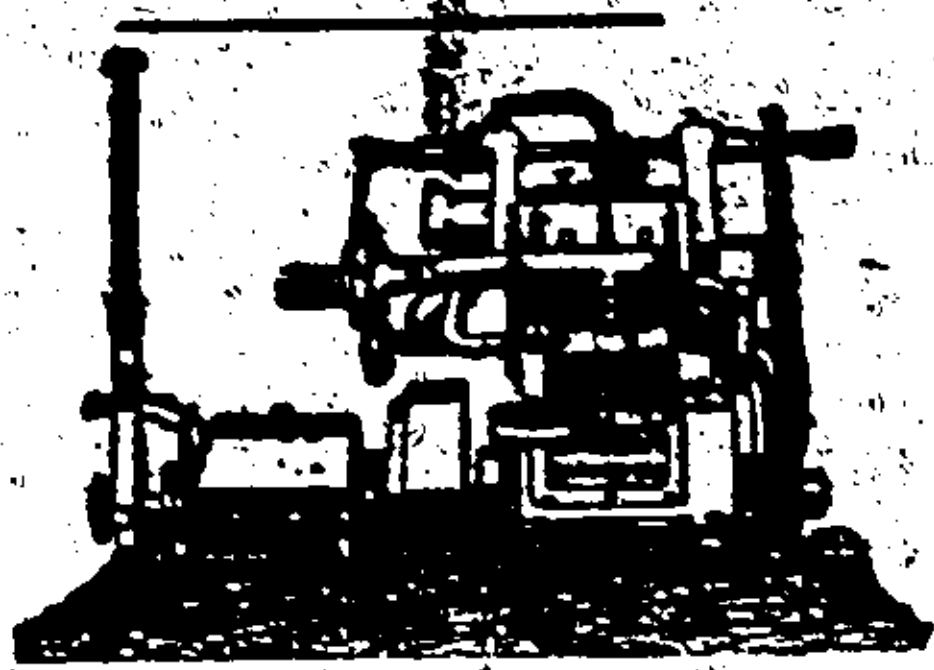
Tang Ssing Cheung applied for and received his discharge. Leung Kin Sang, hearing of petition, was adjourned. In the case of Sun Ka Kie, the Official Receiver was appointed Trustee in application for adjudication. In the case of Chung Yik U, an order for adjudication was asked for and granted. King Leng Shing—hearing of petition, was adjourned. Carlos Henrique Obaves—the debtor was adjudicated bankrupt. Augusto Domingos Soares—the debtor was adjudicated bankrupt. Quan Yee Nam—the receiving order was rescinded. Fok Sang—a receiving order was made.

CANTON RED CROSS DRAWING.

Numbers of Winning Tickets.

The following winning number of prizes in the Canton British Red Cross drawing in aid of the British Red Cross, which took place last evening at Canton, have been received in Hongkong by cable. The first figure is mutilated and is therefore queried. First prize 1022. Second prize 1094. Third prize 2417. \$1,000 prize 2150. \$500 prize 1250 and 1207.

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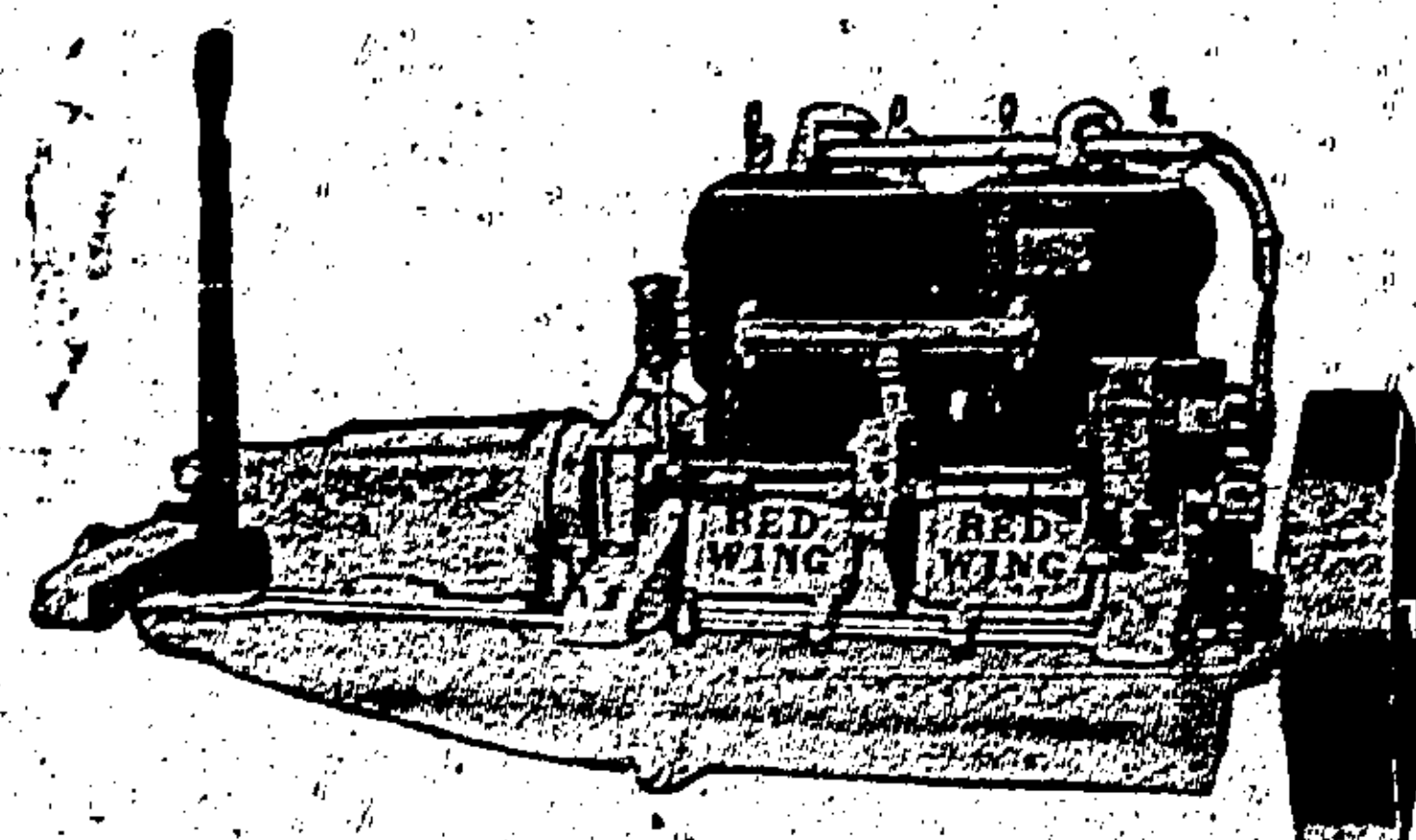
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BRITISH COLONISATION.

One of the most important questions which will have to be settled at the coming Peace Conference is that of the German Colonies. One point, at least is already settled—they will not be returned to their former owners, and the problem left to be discussed is to which of the Allies will they be given? The answer to this is not difficult to find. If there remained any doubt whatever, the White Book on the subject published the other day by the Colonial Office, is sufficient to dispel it at once. There can be no question that Great Britain is in the best position to govern the ex-German Colonies. There are many reasons for saying so. In the first place, the British have proved by hundreds of years of colonisation that they are the most capable Empire-builders of all the nations in the world. They have the longest record and their methods have proved the most successful. Wherever the British flag has been planted, there is prosperity and contentment. We have only to glance at the history of India, Australia, South Africa, Egypt, Canada, all the many British possessions that are sprinkled everywhere on the face of the globe.

In the year 1860 the population of India amounted to about 100 millions in the year 1900 it was about 300 millions. This enormous increase is simply the result of the peace and the security of life and property which England's hegemony has afforded during this time in the greatest part of India. The same brilliant record of British administration holds good in Egypt. We have made out of this poverty-stricken, debt-laden land, as well as out of the desolate Soudan, a prosperous Empire with considerable Budget surpluses every year. Look at what the British have made of Singapore, once a poverty-stricken Malay village, and a nest of pirates, and now one of the greatest and most wealthy ports in the world. The same can be said of our own Colony here, which is perhaps the greatest commercial centre in the East, but not so long ago an unknown island. The British are born colonisers. Seventeen years ago the Boers were forced to kneel to us as conquerors, but after a few years of British administration, we find them fighting side by side in France with their erstwhile enemies. That in itself is a criterion of the worth of British rule. And the White Book just issued is but another striking example.

Throughout the ex-German territories of the Cameroons, Samoa, Togoland, German South West Africa, and German East Africa, the natives without exception wish to remain under the British rule which they have experienced for two years. They are overwhelmed with joy at such a prospect, and their only dread is that their hopes may not be realised. Is it not an overwhelming tribute to our powers of just government that we should have gained the love and esteem of all these races after two years of rule? And it must be remembered that this is emphasised by the fact that these territories have experienced many years of German administration. Instead of the typically Prussian policy of suppression, extortion, murder and torture, the natives of these lands have known for two years the advantages and immunity from outrage which British administration gives them; and they are content to remain as they are. This fact must surely be the great factor in determining the future of the German Colonies, when we consider that Britain has every right to the ownership of these lands. The native peoples are after all the best judges in the matter, and they have chosen Britain; and in the years to come, let us have a chance to undo the wrongs perpetrated by the Germans, and to make of these native races a happy and prosperous people.

Another Appeal.

This is a time when it is not altogether an easy matter to discriminate between the really deserving charities, but we think it will be generally agreed that an institution which is really worthy of support is that known as Dr. Barnardo's Homes. The war has effected the plan on which these Homes were formerly run and has caused a new scheme to be brought into being of which we have just been furnished with particulars. Before the war, the Homes migrated about a thousand children yearly to our possessions overseas, and it is with pride that the management announce the ready manner in which Barnardo boys rushed to the colours when war broke out. Circumstances, however, have caused migration to cease, and it is because of this fact that a new development, in the form of a Boys' Garden City, has been taken in hand. At the present time, some 646 boys are in residence on this farm, living a healthy village life which will fit them to work upon the land and to follow other pursuits either in Britain or Overseas. The idea has apparently met with great success, for the City has become overcrowded and more land is urgently needed. Through the generosity of an anonymous gentleman, in memory of his son killed in the war, an adjoining estate has been obtained for \$3,250, and an appeal is now being made for endowments of beds in the new house. It costs \$500 to endow a bed, and the suggestion is made that beds should be named after war heroes or specific localities.

A Hongkong Bed?

We have seen a booklet giving the fullest particulars of the new scheme, which has everything to commend it. Hongkong, through the untiring efforts of a well-known local lady, has done splendidly for Dr. Barnardo's Homes in the past, and as this new scheme is likely to be continued in view of its undoubted value, it would perhaps be a good idea if the next local effort were made on its behalf. It should be an easy matter to raise enough funds to endow a "Hongkong Bed," and by doing this the Colony would be associated with a work which must have beneficial results. Dr. Barnardo's Homes have now existed for fifty years, during which time they have rescued over eighty-five thousand boys, and in the past four years especially they have had many calls on them to take care of the children of those who have been fighting. Many a lad has been placed on his feet through this institution and made a useful son of Empire. The new appeal for funds will assuredly not go unheeded.

The Real Friends of China.

A little incident of the Boxer Rebellion has just been brought to light which shows who, even eighteen years ago, were the friends of China among the foreign Powers. At a meeting of the Central Asian Society, held a few days ago in London, it was urged that the proper terms should include the restoration to China of the famous astronomical instruments stolen from Peking in 1900 by the Germans and taken to Berlin. At the meeting, General Sir Edmund Barrow disclosed the fact that the Anglo-American Commanders very strongly protested against the removal of these valuable instruments, but that some of the Powers, notably Germany, opposed the Anglo-American proposal; and so the Germans marched away with them. It is not surprising, of course, that Germans should steal; that appears to be their favourite occupation when on military ventures. But the point we wish to make is that Britain and America have always played fair with China; they wanted to do so in 1900; they have done so in this war. And even now they will, we are sure, be at one in the suggestion that these stolen reminders of a great past should be restored to their rightful owners. In one respect this is a small matter; in another, it shows the Chinese that they have well-wishers, but that those well-wishers are not, and never have been, Germans. We hope the fact will at length dawn upon China and that she will shape her future policy accordingly.

DAY BY DAY.

MEN MAY LIVE FOOLS, BUT FOOLS THEY CANNOT DIE.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the anniversary of the abolition of slavery in the United States (1865).

The Dollar.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 3s. 3.15/16d.

A Boxer's Challenge.

Mr. Harry Parker, of the U.S. Admiral Sims, challenges anyone in the Colony at 133 lbs. give or take 4 lbs., for a side stake.

Defence Corps Company Dinner.

We hear that the Engineer Company of the Hongkong Defence Corps propose to hold a Company dinner in the Hongkong Hotel on Saturday, January 11th.

Land Sale.

Kowloon Island Lot No. 1387 was sold at the P.W.D. offices yesterday. The property was secured by Mr. Chu Pieg was at \$3,920, which was \$580 above the upset price.

Ladies' Tennis Championship.

In the final of the Ladies' Lawn Tennis Championship of the Colony yesterday, Mrs. Armstrong (L.R.O.) beat Mr. Miller (Wizwam) by 6-1, 6-1. The winner meets Miss Wilkinson (the holder) in the challenge round on January 4th.

Billiards.

Two more games were decided in the Palace Hotel Billiard Tournament last night. Moseley beat Coleman by 250 to 136 and Garrard secured a win from Morton by the narrow margin of 4 points, the scores being 250 to 246. It was a very fine game, Garrard making a break of 43. To-night at 9 p.m. Guimaraes meets Coaker.

A Way out of Imprisonment.

Some Chinese are fearfully timid. Many of these gentry, who are released on bail after being charged before the Magistrate, think it wise to get their bail bond estreated. Therefore, many defendants fail to turn up and thus buy their freedom. One man failed to put in his appearance before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, and his bond of \$150 was forfeited.

The Roll of Honour.

It is with much regret that we read of the death in action of Lieut. Walter Smart, of the Machine Gun Corps. Lieut. Smart was formerly on the editorial staff of the South China Morning Post and later on that of the N. C. Daily News at Shanghai. He was most popular with all who knew him and many in Hongkong will hear with intense sorrow of his death.

Reported Armed Robbery.

Chan H. H., licensed vehicle driver No. 180, has reported to the Police that about 11.30 on December 16 whilst on the Suikok Road, halfway to Taiipo, he was set upon by two men who stole \$124 in money, as well as other articles. The complainant had several wounds and contusions caused by a wooden smoking pipe. The affair is suspected to be the outcome of a quarrel over ricksha hire.

Junior Institution of Engineers.

Mr. F. W. G. Clark, of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., has been appointed Corresponding Member of Council for Hongkong and South China of the Junior Institution of Engineers. The Headquarters of the Institution are in London but its activities are world-wide and local sections have been established in various centres, both at home and abroad. Mr. Clark will be pleased to receive communications from Engineers in these parts who are interested in, or wish to become members of, the Institution.

"Kiss and Be Friends."

The Chinese, like us, have been taught by their parents to forgive and forget. We are approaching the Millennium; and there are many signs of this around us. The change that has come over our ricksha coolies was manifested before Mr. C. D. Melbourne when two of these individuals were charged with assaulting another coolie. The complainant expressed a desire to withdraw the case, and Mr. R. F. Mattingly, who appeared for the defendants, did not even thank the complainant. We would have thought the better plan would have been for Mr. Melbourne to have ordered the parties to "Kiss and be friends."

AN ISLANDER'S DIARY.

The cold weather is setting in and the social activities are increasing. Of local doing there is very little to be said socially, except the Police Roserista Dance, which went off with great éclat. Hongkong is proceeding quietly on her way, and there is little to say except on such engagements as bring us together. Since my last chronicle of events in Hongkong the ricksha strike occurred but beyond some small inconvenience to the Police it caused no damage. I wish someone could induce ricksha and chair coolies to go on the strike for a month, for it would save me much of the money that I am forced to give these men.

A week from hence Christmas will be with us. This is the season of parties, dances and convivial visits to the clubs in an effort to forget that we are still in a Cathedral country town (per our Shanghai critics). Christmas is coming and with it a round of schools, dances and dinner parties, so let those who can sing once again:—

Help on more wood! The wind is chill;

But let it whistle as it will, We'll keep our Christmas merry still;

Each age has deemed the new born year

The fittest time for festive cheer.

A farewell dinner, I understand, is to be given shortly to Mr. C. Champkin, the acting manager of the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd. He has made a host of friends, who admire his versatility and his talents.

It may not be realised what a lever for good or ill our Magistrate can be to the Government.

For instance, anything that they may say at times may prove inimical to the interests of the Colonial Government. The well of English undefiled can cause great havoc in China and Hongkong. We will assume, for argument's sake, that one of our Magistrates asked this question of a defendant: "So you wanted to set the China Sea on fire, eh?" Straightway the representatives of the Chinese Press will take him down and the next day a million Chinese will read in bold type: "China Sea to be set on fire. A Hint of Government's Intention." Within a week all China will be ringing with the talk of the British having discovered a remedy for the treacherous typhoons and have come to the conclusion that they are caused by the evil spirits residing in the Sea. Hence their decision to get rid of them. Property near the sea shore will go begging, and every day the people would be looking forward to the scheme being put into action.

Chinese look upon the Magistrate as the mouthpiece of the Government, and asking a person whether he wanted to set the China Sea on fire would be considered a revelation of the Government's desire to give the contract out. The writer knows of one recent instance on record. In the Li Hong Mr. case in the Supreme Court the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., characterised the Government as a "star-chamber." A prominent local Chinese paper came out with a literal translation, "Sing tan," or "Government in the stars." Then, take another instance. Suppose Mr. Melbourne did not believe a defendant's story and colloquially said: "O, give me a soup?" which we know only means: "Tell me something that I can believe." What does the reader think would result? Nothing more than this that Mr. Denman Fuller will have his doors besieged by Chinese miscreants for a few lessons in Li's & Bhabodier, Bach's Fugues and Beethoven's Sonatas. The Chinese would soon come to the conclusion that English magistrates accept bribes in the form of a soup. Forsworned is forewarned!

Since the Chinese have taken to the cinema, the number of penny dreadfuls has increased like mushrooms. Of course, if you create a demand you will get a supply, and this has led to a supply of every branch of trade, even in the supply of films.

HONGKONG SKETCH CLUB.

The Distribution of Prizes.

The Hongkong Sketch Club exhibition came to a successful conclusion yesterday afternoon, when His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. Cloud Sverre, O.M.G., after delivering a felicitous speech, handed the prizes to the successful exhibitors. A large number of people were present, including His Excellency the General Officer Commanding, Major General F. Ventris, and the exhibitors must have felt flattered at the keen and enthusiastic manner in which the results of their artistic efforts were scrutinised.

His Excellency said:—Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen, I feel somewhat handicapped in making remarks on this exhibition, because I have not nearly had time to examine the various works exhibited in this room; but two things are quite clear. First, it is the most ambitious and the most successful exhibition so far held by the Hongkong Sketch Club, and secondly, that the attendance is several times larger than in any previous years, showing that the public of Hongkong do appreciate the effort the Society is making to produce better work by its members. Those who have exhibited before, have, I think, excelled their previous efforts. Certainly Lieutenant Millington and Mrs. McPherson, while other members have sent most excellent work. Of the many new exhibits, I should like to mention especially Miss Grimble who has not been here for more than a few months but who has, on that wall, three excellent landscapes or outdoor works, three that I might call a "Palborough trio of pictures." I hope she will send more work in future. I am sure she will be a very valuable acquisition to the Club. The prizes for the best group of pictures in the show has been awarded to Mrs. McPherson (applause) and the judge, in awarding the prize to her, considered that her group showed that she is the best all-round artist in the Colony. Her figure drawing is extremely good and her landscapes are also very successful (applause). I have myself been embarrassed, as I wanted to buy several beautiful views of Hongkong Harbour, but I find they have already been secured some time ago. I hope she will be able to produce more views of "Hongkong Harbour by Night" as it is the most typical thing we would like to carry away with us when we leave this Colony. I congratulate the Club very heartily on the splendid exhibition and hope there to follow in future years were but more successful, if possible.

His Excellency then distributed the prizes as follows:—

Mrs. McPherson, for the best group of pictures, a silver cup;

Lieut. Millington, first prize, a silver cup; and a fountain pen; to Mr. E. L. Sim and Miss W. Griffin for second and third prize.

Mr. H. P. White then sold by auction the following exhibits:—

"Low Water" (Anonymous), \$40; "Hongkong from Finley Road" (Mrs. McPherson), \$100; "Study of Head in Charcoal" (Miss Hastings), \$10; "High West" (Miss Parker), \$30; "Study of Head" (Miss V. Grimble), \$10; A Tree Study (Mrs. B. Brown), \$10; "A Junk" (Lieut. Millington), \$280; "Sunset from China Road" (Miss W. Griffin), \$20; "Raft, Waucoot" (Lt. A. O. Colman), \$10; Selected (Mrs. Ram), \$80; "Deep Water Bay from Lamna Island" (Mr. E. L. Sim), \$80; realising in all a sum of \$630, which, added to the profit on sale of tickets, will make a probable total of about \$1,200 for Red Cross funds.

Who is going to help stop this bildderdash? Probably, no one. If people will insist on having films that will help their pulses beat a bit faster than they do during their vocations, the cinema houses maintain that they must fill this demand. If the uneducated unemployed go to see these pictures and learn the scientific methods making a living by robbery, that is no business of the cinema proprietors. The Police and the public must put up with the consequences.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

In one of our Northern hospitals a soldier was being treated for poisoned fingers. He was asked his age. "Forty-two," was the prompt reply, but during the conversation which followed it transpired that he had a son of 31, an engine driver, and another one older. Later on the doctor said to him, "You'll get your discharge, Brown, for we shall have to remove your trigger finger." But he answered without hesitation and very brightly, "That won't make no difference to me; my left eye is better than my right, and I shoot best with my left hand."

Dora—not the Act of Parliament, but a charming nineteen-year old—in the ecstasy of her first real engagement, has all unconsciously enunciated a new standard of love during war time. "Oh!" she exclaimed, almost fiercely, to her maiden aunt—"oh, you are so cold. You don't know what it is to be in love. I can't sleep or eat or work or do anything but think of Harry. Why, I couldn't finish my butter ration last week."

Where, one wonders, are the ladies who years ago took part in a rehearsal in the House itself of a Parliament of Women? The Speaker had gone, and the ladies elected one of their own, a Woman in White, who conducted the proceedings with smiling dignity. Front bench and Ministerial benches were claimed; but no one wanted to use the other benches until it was explained that the British Constitution demanded an Opposition. It was, said the Lobby Correspondent of the day, a "pretty little comedy, and the few members still lingering about seemed to see in the incident a foretaste of 'times to come.'"

A Trench insect on his neck was annoying him considerably, so when he could spare a moment from his rifle he leant forward, clapped a hand to the spot, and made a capture. At the same instant a bullet struck his helmet. But for having dunked forward, he held up the captive between thumb and finger, and shook his head. "Don't like to kill you. Saved my life, I guess; what shall I do with you?" Then, with inspiration, "I know!"—clapped it on his neck again. "Put you back on full rations!"

Mr. Harry Lunder's call-up at Dundee for the Army at 48, after all the excellent work he has done as a propagandist must, surely, be the effort of one of his countrymen to test his power to see a joke. Still, we have had very great comedians on the battlefield. When there was another Harry in the case, Shakespeare's Prince Hal, he impressed the mightiest of all laughter-makers, Falstaff, and procured him "a charge of foot," to fight, inter alia, against another Scot, "Dunglas that ran o' horseback up a hill perpendicular."

It will no longer be possible for the American infant to suffer from German measles, for if it must have that virulent sickness it will only be allowed to have it under the name of "Liberty" measles. Recently "German" was deleted and the new word substituted. And when the child recovers (it will no doubt be easier to do so under the new name) and grows up, he or she will not be able to procure in the United States any article described as German silver. An American trade paper, whilst commending the change of name to "nickel" silver, suggests that the matter should go farther and "nickel brass" be used for there is no alloy in nickel silver. It is rather sad—though on closer investigation, to discover that the word nickel itself is a corruption of the German term "Kupfernickel" meaning "demon copper," and deservedly given to the coloured mineral from which nickel was originally obtained.

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A Question of Adjournment.

In the Supreme Court this morning, before Sir William Rees Davies K.C., Chief Justice, the Tong Seng Company, of 19, Queen's Road Central, claimed from the Tin Wan Cheng Firm, of 45, Des Voeux Road West, damages for a breach of contract in writing dated May 13, 1916, for sale and delivery of 30 tons of pepper.

Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. G. Hayward, appeared on behalf of the defendant, and Mr. C.G. Alabaster, O.B.E., instructed by Mr. J.H. Gardner, appeared for the plaintiff.

Mr. Potter said he regretted to say that he had to ask His Lordship for an adjournment of the case, of course on the terms of payment of costs of the adjournment. The reasons were set out in an affidavit by the defendant Tong Seng, and it was an action involving a considerable sum of money—\$10,000 so far as he (Mr. Potter) was concerned—and if His Lordship saw fit he would like an adjournment.

Mr. Potter then read the affidavit, which stated, inter alia, that the defendant had been ill, also that he came from Yunnan. He was wholly ignorant of the procedure of the English Courts and he thought that if he saw his solicitors and they appeared on the day fixed for trial there would be no difficulty in getting an adjournment as could be done in the Chinese Courts.

His Lordship said he knew nothing about an adjournment being asked for. He understood that the case was to come on ex parte.

Mr. Potter said it was only yesterday that the adjournment had been asked for by defendant. His Lordship:—Have you any merits?

Mr. Potter said he had very many merits—(laughter)—and then proceeded to deal with the reasons set out in the affidavit, the principal one of which was the plea of ignorance and illness.

Mr. Alabaster said he did not agree that any adjournment could possibly be granted in such a case, and the defendant's solicitor, Mr. Gardner, said he

to impertinence. The defendant was in Hongkong himself and has instructed his solicitors and counsel. He leaves his solicitors and counsel with instructions for several months, declines to attend to any letters which his solicitors write to him, and he has been here all the time. On the day and in the afternoon before the day for which the case is to be heard he goes to his solicitors and instructs them to apply for an adjournment. He was in Court and he did not look in the least to bail.

His Lordship:—His excuse with regard to the practices of the Chinese Courts is rather refreshing.

Mr. Alabaster agreed and said defendant had come to defend an action in the English Courts and he could not hope to be placed in the delightful position of the case never coming for trial as frequently happens in the Chinese Courts. Counsel would consent to an adjournment if defendant would deposit \$1,000 and the cost of the adjournment in the Court as a guarantee of good faith.

Mr. Potter:—Anything else, Mr. Alabaster?

Mr. Alabaster:—Yes; the whole of the claim as an alternative—(laughter). He did not file his defence until now and he makes that an excuse for delay.

Mr. Potter:—He has not had time to instruct his solicitors.

Mr. Potter, proceeding, said his friend said that in order to secure an adjournment let the defendant as good faith that the case is to be fought bring money into the Court. But if the case was not to be fought, his Lordship should not assume that if it is fought it would be fought unwisely. It was a great hardship to have to bring money into Court and he did not think his client should be penalised in that way.

After hearing further argument, his Lordship said he could not agree with Mr. Potter's view. If people came to that Court they must abide by the rules. It was absolutely essential that Chinese who came there for the purpose of litigation should understand that things must be done properly. That was his view.

His Lordship made an order for \$1,000 to be paid into Court together with costs of the adjournment, which would be for fourteen days.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

The Granting of Merchant
Seamen's Medals.

The announcement that the special medal to be granted to masters, officers, and seamen of the Mercantile Marine for services performed in the danger zone will not be issued until the end of the war has aroused some criticism. The secretary of the Mercantile Marine Service Association, interviewed by a Press Association representative yesterday morning, said:—"This recognition of the services rendered by the Mercantile Marine is satisfactory as far as it goes, but why wait till after the war? Why should the medal not be issued at once? It is very much like saying 'If you behave yourselves till the end of the war and are good boys we will give you a present.' Another point not made clear is whether the widows of the men who have lost their lives in their country's cause will receive the medal in the same way that solders' and sailors' widows do. They have rendered just as much service. Nobody could work without the food that the merchant seamen have brought us. If they had failed to go to sea it would have been a national calamity. During a long experience I have never heard a merchant seaman refuse to take out a ship or say 'I won't go.' There is no grumbling or growling about the pay in the Mercantile Marine, or a man's emoluments for losing all his effects or injuries received. It is difficult for a person on shore to conceive the responsibility and anxiety of a merchant captain or seaman in war time or to realise what it means to be on the bridge, perhaps for 48 hours, with all the worry of being in the danger zone." Questioned with reference to the adoption of a standard uniform for the mercantile service, the secretary said:—"Some of the men will, of course, like it, but a great many do not attach much importance to the question of uniform. The genuine old sailor will not be very keen about it. It is the later day sailors who want that sort of thing—the young fellows who like to run about looking pretty and who hardly know what it is to get their feet wet. They are the men who want all the gold lace."

Subsistence Allowances to Ship's Officers.

In gave no small pleasure to the Council of the Mercantile Marine Service Association to learn that reasonable consideration had been given to the important question of subsistence allowance to ship's officers, and they recently published a statement to the effect that the National Maritime Board had decided that where navigating and engineering officers, remunerated at a rate of pay with food found in addition, are working by their vessels in port with a view to signing articles, food not being provided by the owners, a subsistence allowance of 5s per day shall be payable in addition to a pay. It has now been agreed that this decision should become operative as from 1st September, 1918. Another matter which has received consideration from the National Maritime Board concerns continuity of employment. It has now been definitely agreed that in the case of navigating and engineering officers serving in vessels which are sold whilst abroad, the officers continue in the service of the new owner until the vessel's return when they rejoin the service of their original employer, it shall be optional for the latter to include the temporary service with the purchasing owner as continuous employment.

The Port of Manila.

If Manila and the Philippines are to benefit as a result of the trade expansion which it is anticipated will come with the return of peace conditions, says the "Manila Daily Bulletin," the local port facilities must be greatly improved in order to permit rapid handling of cargo so that steamship companies may escape the heavy charges incident to delays in unloading and loading cargo. Such was the expression of opinion at the meeting of the Manila Merchants' Association recently at the Manila Hotel. Speakers who discussed various phases of the future commercial situation were united in urging better port and harbour facilities, the best of which H. B. McCoy ventured to estimate would be upwards of P30,000,000. McCoy is in line with the domestic business.

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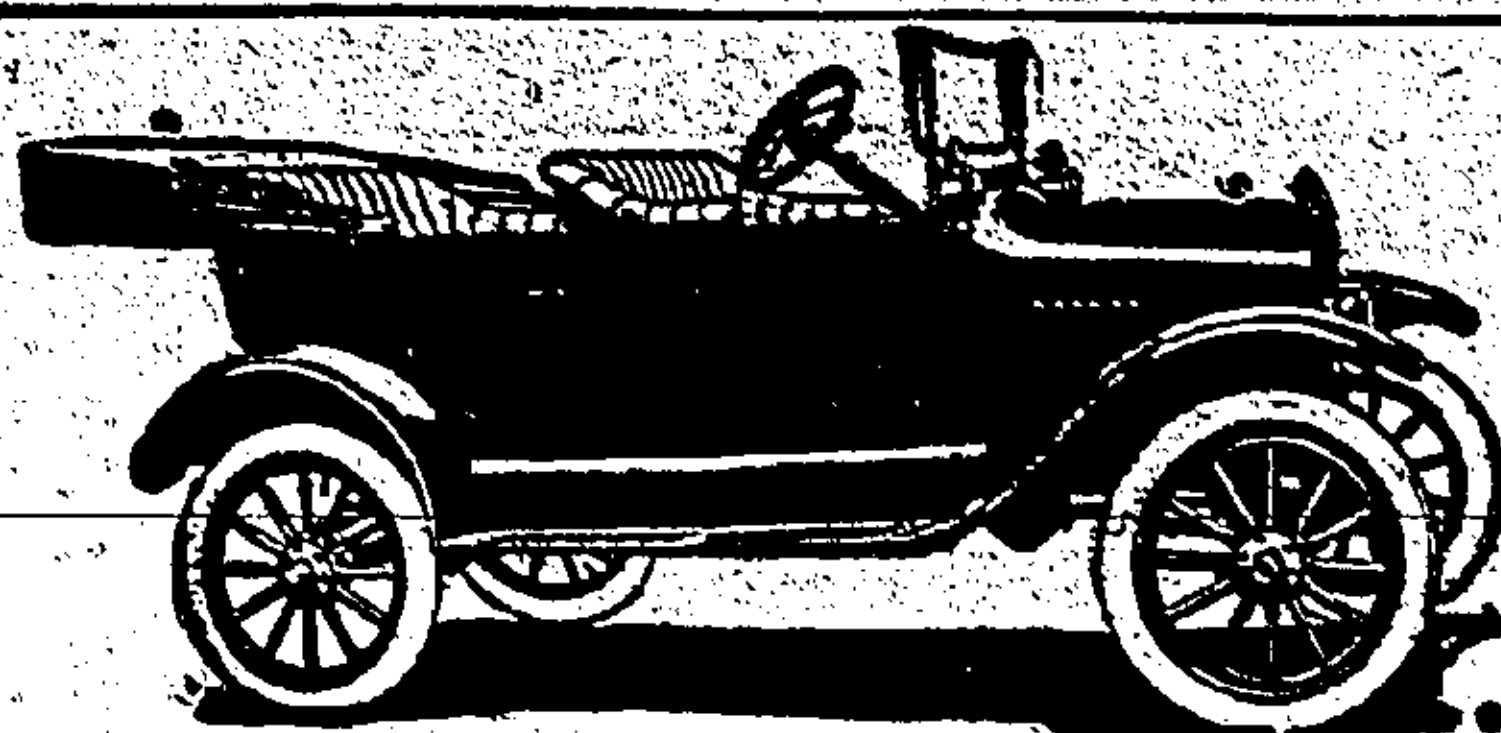
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RISE OF WOMANHOOD.

Professor Middleton Smith's
Lecture.

Professor Middleton Smith, we think, chose an unsuitable time and a subject with which most of us are fairly familiar, when he lectured yesterday at the Helena May Institute on "Women in our Workshops." The exhibition at the City Hall may have been a greater attraction than the lecture, and probably most ladies and gentlemen felt they knew all that was worth knowing of the part women have played at Home in the workshops, in the field and in winning the war. As a result there was a small gathering. Dr. G. P. Jordan was in the chair, and amongst those present was noticed Sir William Rees Davis, K.C.

Dr. Jordan, in introducing the lecturer, said that Professor Middleton Smith, since his arrival in the Colony, had so associated himself not only in the engineering side, but particularly on the social side of the Colony, that it was superfluous for him to recite his attainments. He thought there was no one better qualified to deliver a lecture on the subject than Professor Smith. He was sure that these present would hear from the lecturer facts that would enable them to appreciate that great work which woman had done in this great war.

The lecturer said there was very little needed to introduce him to the public but he liked to say a few words in introduction. He undertook to address them on the subject of the part women had played in the war, but he was afraid that it had gone out of fashion, and most of his hearers were familiar with the phrase he was going to talk about. The best way to overcome the defect was to condense it—a decision which he did not in the end rigidly observe. During the war there had come over the engineering workshops a great change and he tried to give his hearers an idea as to what had happened, assuming that those present were not able to go Home during the war.

Professor Middleton Smith went to the genesis of the rise of womanhood, and how the best and noblest ideas originated in the feminine mind. In peace and in war women had stood side by side with the men they loved, inspiring the warriors to chivalry, the artists to beauty, the inventors to imagination, the poets to the music of the words. In the great ordeal of European war woman had justified the position they had always occupied. Remarkable changes had come about in the national life of Britain. We have seen how the women of great Britain rushed into the workshops to supply munitions for the men at the front, and there in no reason why woman should not take her place side by side with man in the new age of workshops; indeed, she has done so already. There were three types of woman labour in general, that had been used to take the place of man:—(1) The educated type; (2) the domestic type; (3) the ordinary factory type. The brains of the first type of labour were cultivated. Many possessed mathematical knowledge and were educated in the modern Universities in scientific work. They did most valuable research or professional work. But they were comparatively few in number. Women have generally been found to be accurate and conscientious workers. They acquired a higher degree of accuracy quicker than men through possessing a finer sense of touch. It has also been demonstrated that women are responsible workers; that is, that they can be trusted with confidence to carry out finishing processes on large and costly work, and they can

manipulate high speed and heavy machinery such as driving large cranes in which there is a certain measure of risk.

A feature of Professor Middleton Smith's address was his appeal to the British women of this Colony and the Far East to influence their men folk. He said:—After all, very few of us men would exert ourselves very much but for the encouragement and inspiration of the women. There is now no war against Germany; but there is the old fight against chaos and disorder, against the forces of ignorance and superstition. The British women can help in that fight. They worked out here during the war in the offices and in providing bandages and comforts for the men at the front. They can work in the future with the object of maintaining the national prestige and of preserving the great ideals of the Anglo-Saxon race which have emerged purified from the furnace of the war. For just as I think all that is best and noblest in those ideals originated in the feminine mind, so I am sure that only the preservation and the enlargement of these ideals can elevate suffering humanity and win real freedom. So long as you maintain those glorious visions of the ideal, so long as you make us men lift up our eyes to the sky and "bitch our wagon to the star" the race is safe. The war has not been fought in vain. In our sinner moments we recognise the superiority of the feminine over the masculine in all the spiritual and lofty conceptions of life; yet we men are very human and we want as companions no ethereal objects, but those who, in the words used by the old Roman writer in describing the Northern women, "tramping side by side with the men they loved, were companions 'to dare with them in war and suffer with them in peace.'" So shall the gossamer weavings of the women's mind of to-day bind us to the great ideals which alone can enable humanity to move forward with a high heart through life and its mysteries.

Dr. Jordan said he felt sure that those present were thoroughly delighted in listening to such a lecture. Professor Middleton Smith had pointed out to them in a lucid manner the work that had been done by the women in our workshops and had shown by means of diagrams some of the work so simply that his hearers could become engineers to-morrow. He brought home to those present the tremendous amount of work that had been done through by our women. Before the great war, women were isolated. The utilisation of women war-workers was a great scheme and due principally to the genius of Mr. Lloyd George, who lately quoted statistics showing the number of women employed in the Army, Navy, workshops and the field. The Chairman referred to the electrifying speech of Mr. Lloyd George who said that if it were not for the women the war would not have been won. That, coming from the Premier, was worthy of being recorded in history. The change is being recognised and it was only a question of time how soon that change would come about. Great Britain had realised that the isolation of women in past. It was an inheritance of humanity. There was no doubt that when the history of the Great War came to be written very many chapters would be written on the various causes and there would be one chapter that would go to the hearts of all and that was the work of the women.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Professor Middleton Smith.

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GOLF.

The Ladies' Championship.

The following are the results of the Ladies' Golf Championship to date:—

1st Round.—Mrs. Maitland beat Mrs. Moore; Mrs. Crawford beat Miss Wilkinson.
2nd Round.—Miss J. Bridger beat Mrs. Thurnfield; Mrs. Maitland v.o. Mrs. J. W. Stewart; Mrs. Dreaper beat Mrs. Crawford; Mrs. Adams beat Mrs. Fletcher.

TRAMWAY RETURNS.

The following is the approximate statement of the Hongkong Tramway Company's traffic receipts for the week ending 14th December, 1918:—

	Receipts for week.	Aggregate Receipts for 50 weeks.
This Year:—	\$13,007	689,757
Last Year:—	11,762	671,422
Increase:—	1,245	18,335
Decrease:—		

Acknowledgments.

W. T. Morton, O.K., 4/5 Black Watch, 14th August, 1918. I beg to acknowledge receipt of a case containing 10,000 "Woodbine" Cigarettes sent by the American Tobacco Co. Ltd. on behalf of your Fund. They arrived yesterday in good condition and will be distributed to the men in due course. It is very good of you to send so liberal a supply of these popular cigarettes. The men greatly appreciate such generosity and kindness. Please accept the united and hearty thanks of all ranks in the Battalion.

Lieut. Col. H. W. Lawrence, The Cameroonian, Comdg. 11st Herefordshire, August 18th, 1918.—I feel very neglectful in not having acknowledged your very kind and most generous and acceptable gift of cigarettes. These arrived just before we left Egypt for another front; and since then owing to constant moves, two hard fights, etc., I have really not had much time. We did appreciate your gift enormously as at the time the Battalion was on very short rations of cigarettes or smokes of any kind. Hoping you will forgive me the delay in acknowledging so fine a gift, as a matter of fact I would have written sooner only manage to stop a bit of lead myself causing an extra delay. This goes to you with the united thanks of all ranks of the Battalion and from myself, especially, as gifts such as yours do help a O.O. in keeping the men's spirit at times when things are going hardly for us. This was the case just when your parcel arrived.

Capt. and Quartermaster E.W. Pickard, 2nd Bn. Yorkshire Regt.—On behalf of the 2nd Bn. Yorkshire Regiment, I wish to thank you and those members who subscribe to your fund for the 10,000 Woodbine Cigarettes which arrived yesterday and which have been distributed to the men of the Battalion. They all much appreciate your kindness. The cigarettes came at a most opportune time, as the Battalion is actually in the part of the line where the heaviest fighting is now taking place. What comforts our men when they are as they are now in the midst of heavy shelling and rifle fire—nothing like their cigarettes. My Colonel wishes me to say that he would have personally acknowledged your gift except for the fact that his whole time is now, day and night, taken up guarding the important positions which we now hold. You and all your members will, I hope realise that the men to whom the cigarettes have been issued to-day are, as I write, enduring an exceeding heavy enemy bombardment and are fighting both for their lives and their beloved country.

OUR PEKING LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

Peking, Dec. 7.

A big advance towards peace was noted this week. North and South had made certain progress in the direction of peace discussion, but the Tachuns were obstinate and uncertain, and anything might happen to put a different complexion on the situation. With extraordinary timeliness the British, American, French, Italian, and Japanese Ministers presented an identical aide memoire to the President on Monday afternoon simultaneously with the presentation of a copy by the consular agents of the five Associated Governments to the Southern leaders at Canton. The Tachuns were aghast. Shanghai, however, was delighted. It was most pacific. Undoubtedly the Note helped the Peace movement. It gave new strength to the President, who felt equal to telling the Tachuns that their continued presence in Peking gave rise to uneasy suspicions among the foreign Legations who associated their prolonged stay with some sinister movement. In short, they were invited to quit. Ni Shih-cheng was the first to get away. The others pleaded that they needed money with which to pay their troops. But this is only an excuse. They will have to leave in time.

Last Sunday night Lu Tseng-hsiang, Minister of Foreign Affairs, who has been appointed Peace Envoy, left Peking by train en route for Japan, thence to Europe. He had a most cordial farewell. In this connection it is interesting to note that the International Bank advanced \$500,000 for the expenses of the Delegation although the Japanese had offered to put up any sum up to \$1,000,000. Minister Lu's party numbered 15. Accompanying it were M. de Codi, the Belgian adviser to the Whips. Since then Liang Chi-chao, China's most famous scholar, has left also for Europe. His mission will be an unofficial one. In his train will follow a number of young foreign trained students.

An incident which the diplomats are not anxious to have noted abroad too much concerns the cancellation of the dinner invitations of the three neutral Ministers at short notice last Friday night. In this instance it so happens that Don Luis Estor, the Spanish Minister, and Count Ahlefeldt, the Danish Minister, were made to suffer for the misdeeds of their Netherlands colleague, who has certainly made himself obnoxious to the Allies for quite a time, but especially since the Allied celebrations commenced. What happened was this. At about seven o'clock on the night of the dinner to be given by the President to the Allied Ministers, to which neutral Ministers had also been invited, a messenger arrived at the neutral Legations with an intimation that the engagement for that evening was cancelled. Of course the various recipients were annoyed. Perhaps the Dutch Minister was not so annoyed as his colleagues, who were furious. That he had become persona non grata to the Allies. Tongues were busy dilating on the injustice or the unfortunate nature of the event, but after all is said and done the blame rests, entirely with the Chinese, who ought not to have asked neutrals to attend an Allied celebration.

SPORTING TIT-BITS.

In ten games the Hibernians have played fifteen forwards.

W. McCracken's football "International" at Belfast a few weeks ago, for war charities, realised over £1,000.

Major G. M. Clough, D.S.O., the Fremore and North of Scotland Rugby man and Forfarshire cricketer, has been wounded.

The well-known Manchester "ped," Len Mallinson, is in hospital at Warrington suffering from a bullet wound in the right thigh.

Malbourne Iamson, the billiard champion, has bestowed the name of Twickenham on his chestnut yearling colt, by Aglion—Margaret Ada.

The old Hibernian and Everton player, J. S. Macconnachie, has been granted permission by the English Football Association to play in Ireland.

There is a suggestion that the English Football Cup competition should be revived this season after Christmas. It's only a suggestion, and not likely to be anything more.

The English Rugby internationalist, Captain E. A. Hodges, is now reported killed. He was a Sedburghian, and played four times at Rugby against Cambridge, captaining the side on one occasion.

Howard P. Drew, the sprinter, could not get leave to compete in the recent American championships. He is now a first sergeant, and has been recommended for an officers' school, which he hopes to enter when he gets to France.

Captain G. S. Brook, Indian Medical Service, who won the Scottish hurdles championship in 1911, and ran in the hurdles for Scotland against Ireland in 1919 and 1911, has died at Rawal Pindi. He also played football when at Edinburgh University.

Efforts are being put forth to preserve Port Seton golf course by the raising of the necessary funds to meet the cost of upkeep, such as rent, etc. The Port Seton Golf Company have the ground on a long lease, and a considerable stretch of it is let for grazing. There are many allotments on it also, and there is a demand for more. One of the chief arguments put forward in favour of the continuation of the golf course is that it is essentially a working man's course and as most of the club members are absent on national service it is felt that it should be left for them to determine what is to be done on their return.

China Tea "Clippers."

The following letter from H. B. Fowles appears in the *Edinburgh Dispatch*:—Regarding the China tea "clippers," perhaps it will interest you to know that one of these famous clippers is still to the fore and living in Auchtermuchty in retirement, with his wife, both hale and hearty, and well up in the 80's. Captain Moodie superintended the building, and his wife christened the *Catty Sark* when launched. The captain has related many of his famous races to me, and still holds that the *Catty Sark* was the fastest of the lot. He was very proud of his ship, and sailed her for many years. He knew Captain Key well.

Nurse Buried in "Heroes' Corner."

Nurse Michael, of Glasgow, who with Nurse Evans, of Carmarthen, died from influenza contracted whilst nursing at Edmond Military Hospital, was buried recently in the Heroes' Corner of Tottenham cemetery. Full military honours, including a firing party, were accorded.

TO-DAY'S SHARE QUOTATIONS.

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Malabons b. \$88

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Macao Electric n. \$384
Ropes b. \$244
Trams, Low Level, \$7.30 sa. 7.30
Trams, Peak, old b. \$7.00
Trams, Peak, new b. 70
Laundries b. \$3.50
Steel Foundries n. \$13
U. Waterboats n. \$121
Watsons b. \$5.75
Wat. Powells b. \$9.50
Wiseman's b. \$19

Hongkong, 17th December, 1918.

FOOTBALL.

The Scottish League.

The Scottish Football League table is shown in the latest Home papers as follows:—

	Goals.
P.W.L.D. F.A.P.	
Rangers	10 9 0 126 319
Celtic	18 7 1 222 718
Morton	11 5 1 524 1415
Partick Thistle	11 6 2 322 1315
Clyde	10 6 1 321 1315
Kilmarnock	11 6 2 325 1615
Glydebank	10 4 1 521 1713
Third Lanark	11 4 2 525 2013
Heart of Mid.	11 4 5 215 1710
Motherwell	11 2 3 6 91010
Queen's Park	10 4 5 115 15 9
St. Mirren	11 2 4 614 21 9
Hamilton	11 3 6 215 27 8
Airdrieonians	11 1 6 411 18 6
Ayr United	11 2 7 215 27 6
Dumbarton	10 1 2 3 721 6
Falkirk	11 2 8 110 23 4
Ellerwell	11 4 0 1 720 4

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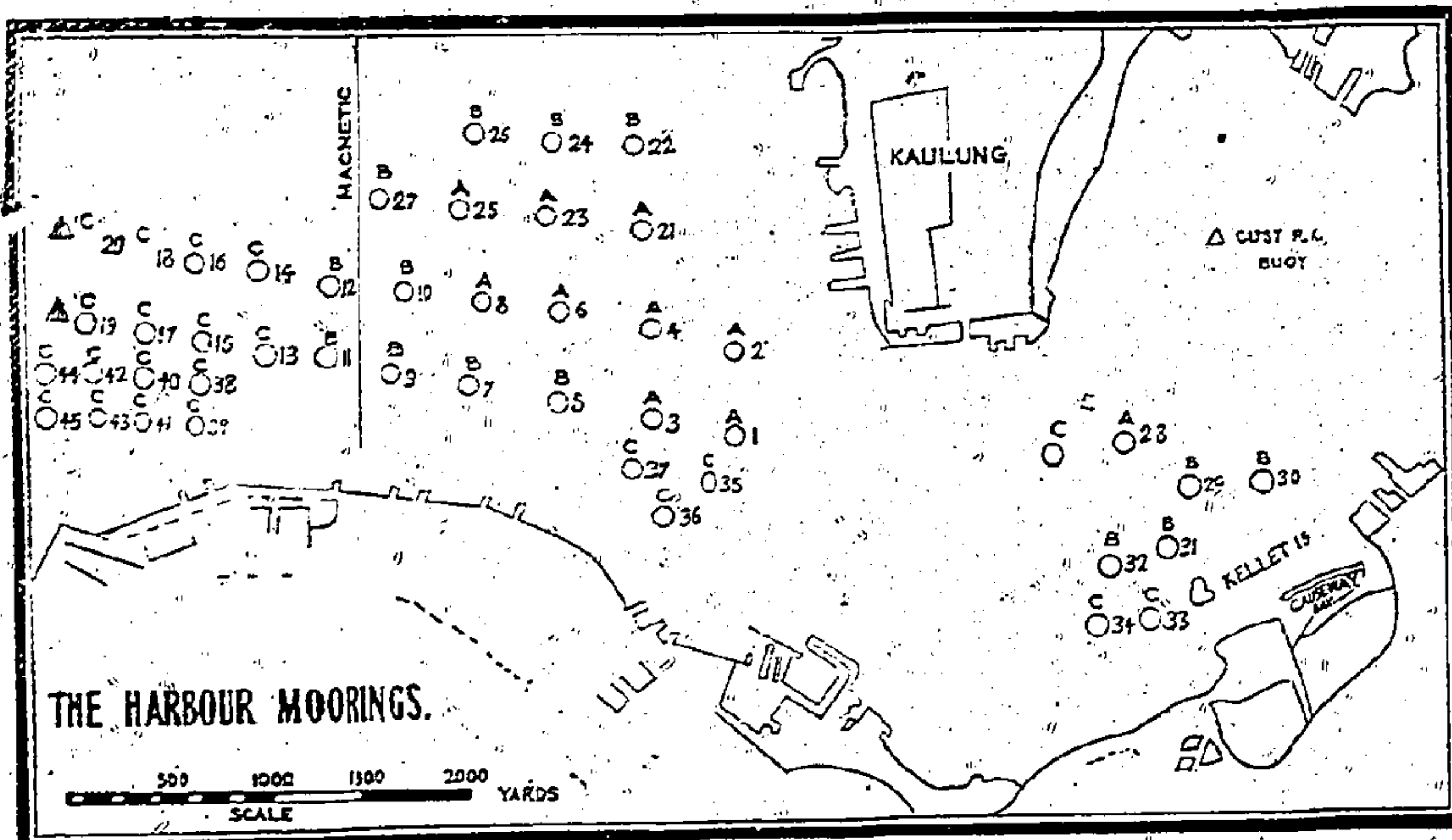


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Shanghai & N. C.—Per POLYPHEMUS, 18th Dec. 9 a.m.
Haiphong—Per SHUN CHONG, 18th Dec. 9 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Burmah, & India via Celestia—Per NIZAM, 18th Dec. 11 a.m.
Shanghai and North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central & S. America, & Europe via Canada—Per FUSHIMI MARU, 18th Dec. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Takao—Per SOSUO, 18th Dec. 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, 18th December.

Shanghai N. China and Japan via Kobe—Per KAMA KURA MARU, 19th Dec. 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy, and Formosa via Kowloon—Per JOSHIN MARU, 19th Dec. 9 a.m.
Fort Bayard, Hobei and Haiphong—Per HANOI, 19th Dec. 9 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, S. Africa, India via Diu and Kodaikanal—Per KAGA M., 19th Dec. 9.30 a.m.

SHIPPING.

VESSELS ARRIVED.

December 17.
Cheilan Maru, 149, Jap., Capt. Tajito, Samang & Yamashita—Mooring—B1.
Dular, 1102, Norw., Capt. Hyorth, Christensen—Mooring—C31.
Shaw Hsing, 767, Chin., Capt. Wernim, Dairen, Kwong Mo Tai—Mooring—B9.
Senator, 1450, Am., Capt. Gupit, Java, Dallas Co.—Mooring—A5.
Providence, 593, Norw., Capt. Hansen, Salgon, M. M.—Mooring—C13.
Akutsu Maru, 2174, Jap., Capt. Ito, Sourabaya, M. B. K.—Mooring—C34.
Matsumoto Maru, 1886, Jap., Capt. Ooy, Kobe, Y. K.—K. Wharf.

So Shu Maru, 1066, Jap., Capt. Moe, Canton, O. S. K.—Wharf.
Buzen Maru, 1688, Jap., Capt. Masamito, C. W. Tao Yamashita—Mooring—Wharf.
Chuen On, 234, China, Capt. Gorge, Hai Hwo, Chun Lei S.S. Co.—Mooring—C19.
Chong Ya, 558, Chinese, Capt. Weatherhead, Haiphong, King Lee S.S. Co.—Mooring—B10.
Hung Lee, 602, Chinese, Capt. Saturada, Shanghai, King Ng Sing—Mooring—C41.
Nizam, 3844, Brit., Capt. Salmon, Shanghai, M. & O.—Mooring—A21.
Harasachin, 1897, Jap., Capt. Kado, Miki, M. B. K.—Mooring—C32.

VESSELS CLEARED.

Taketo Maru for Bangkok
Fuji Maru for K. O. Wan
Telemachus for Saigon
Stentor for Singapore
Sikang for Shanghai
Yungang for Bangkok
Rotunda for Hongkong
Luchow for Swatow
Haitan for Swatow
Kwansang for Singapore
Sabana for Haiphong
Fushimi Maru for Shanghai
Hungles for Haiphong
Chuen On for Haiphong
Chuen On for Haiphong

GEO. P. LAMMERT.

AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER AND SURVEYOR.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on
WEDNESDAY, the 18th December, 1918,
commencing at 11 a.m.
at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,

A Large Quantity of Provisions comprising:—
Jams, Vegetables, Tinned Fruits, Soups, Asparagus, Sardines, etc., etc.

The above have only just arrived but are being sold as the cases have been stained by seawater.)
On view from Tuesday, the 17th inst.

Terms: Cash on delivery.
GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on
FRIDAY the 27th December, 1918,
commencing at 12 o'clock (Noon) at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,

The Wreck of the
s.s. "SUNGKIANG"
as she now lies sunk off the West side of East Lammock Island. The wreck lies in 10/2 fathoms of water and is believed to be damaged under the engine room and aft.

Terms:—Cash on fall of hammer when steamer will be at purchaser's risk.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

NOTICES.

CANTON POULTRY SHOW.

(under auspices of Canton Christian College)

Entries close on December 2nd 1918. Schedule and entry forms may be obtained from the local Secretary, care of St. Paul's College.

Birds will be taken to and from Canton, free, in charge of European Steward with qualified staff.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, HONGKONG BRANCH.

I have this day handed over charge of this Office to MR. S. YASUDA.

B. MORI,
Manager, Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Hongkong Branch.
Hongkong, 16th December, 1918.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, HONGKONG BRANCH.

I have this day assumed charge of the Company's business at this port.

S. YASUDA,
Manager, Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Hongkong Branch.
Hongkong, 16th December, 1918.

HONGKONG STEEL FOUNDRY COMPANY LIMITED.

A N INTERIM DIVIDEND OF ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) per share for account 1918/9 will be payable on SATURDAY, the 28th December, 1918. Shareholders are requested to apply for Dividend Warrants at the Company's Office, St. George's Buildings, Hongkong.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 23rd December 1918 to SATURDAY, 28th December, 1918, both days inclusive.

GORDON & CO.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th December, 1918.

MASSAGE HALL

4, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, DUNDRELL STREET.
MR. T. TAKAYE
MRS. MORITA
CERTIFICATED MASSEUSE
FARMER'S MEDICAL COLLEGE, BOSTON, U.S.A.

NOTICE.

ASAHI BEER.



SOLE AGENTS
Mitsui Bussan Kaisha
Telephone 230 & 134.

WEATHER REPORT.

December 17th. 12h. 10m.—No returns from Japan and the Philippines. Pressure has decreased slightly at stations to the north of Swatow, and increased slightly elsewhere. The anticyclone probably continues to move eastwards and another anticyclone is indicated over N. China. Fresh monsoon will prevail along the China coast, and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st 1918, 51.53 inches, against an average of 51.28 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District	Forecast
1 Hongkong to Gap Road	N.E. winds, moderate to fresh; fair.
2 Formosa Channel	N. winds, fresh.
3 South coast of China (between H.K. and Luzon)	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China (between Luzon and Hainan)	The same as No. 1.

C. W. JEFFRIES, Chief Assistant.
Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 17, 1918.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous	Day	On date	On date
Barometer	30.00	30.01	29.99
Temperature	69	68	73
Humidity	76	84	72
Wind Direction	E.	E.	E.
" Force	3	5	4
Weather	0	0	0
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00
Highest temp. at temperature at 12h	74	74	75
Lowest	57	57	57

H.K. Observatory, Dec. 17, 1918.
T. F. OLAKTON, Director.

TIDE TABLE.

From 16th Dec. to 22nd Dec.

Time	High Water	Low Water	High Water	Low Water
Day	Mean	Mean	Mean	Mean
16th	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
17th	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
18th	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
19th	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
20th	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
21st	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
22nd	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1

in morning & afternoon.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

"This is My Future Wife"



"JACK AND THE BEANSTALK"
WILLIAM FOX PRODUCTION

Jack, after killing the Giant Blunderbore, introduces the Princess Regina to his mother and the assembled villagers.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

DECEMBER, 16th, 17th and 18th.

9.15 P.M. PERFORMANCE.

American Gazette No. 17.

"THE CELEBRATED SCANDAL"

"AN URGENT TELEGRAM."

ETC., ETC., ETC.

Booking at ANDERSON'S.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS

Some interesting items.

Peking, December 16.

Liang Shih-ye's resignation as Chairman of the Senate is not accepted. Liang says in accepting the Chairmanship he hoped to please the people, instead he was blamed all round, and he therefore resigned.

The President will pay Liang Kai-chih \$10,000 for the expenses of his trip to Europe.

Shum Chum-ahun reports that the troops in Canton total five divisions and 174 Yings (battalions). Luk Wing-tun reports that the troops in Kwongai are three divisions and 158 Yung.

Lung Chi-kwong's new troops have been transferred to Shanghai.

Shanghai, Dec. 16.

The Dutch and Danish Ministers have left Peking for home.

Szechuen and Tibet have signed an agreement to stop fighting for one year.

Leung Kai-chih has decided to leave the country by the Yokohama Maru sailing from Shanghai on the 28th inst. The Palace gave him \$60,000 allowance, and has obtained passports from England, France, America and Japan.

Hu Wai-tuck (Chinese Minister in Paris) reports Kod Wai-kwan (Minister in Washington) arrived in France with President Wilson.

The On Fook Club (Northern Party) has now abandoned the plan to protect the new Parliament and is trying to obtain funds with a view to retaining its hold in the future new Parliament.

Christmas Cheer.

The following contributions have been received since the above fund was closed and are acknowledged with thanks:—Mr. W. Logan, \$50; Mr. A. David, \$50; Mr. E. M. Joseph, \$25; Miss Vase, \$10; Previously acknowledged, \$2,475.40; total, \$2,610.40.

DAY BY DAY.

American Red Cross Supplies. During the month of November, the American Red Cross, Hongkong Chapter, have shipped the following:—126 sheets, 45 suits pyjamas, 2 bed-jackets, 3 pr. bed socks, 3 pr. bandage foot socks, 3 pillow cases, 100 operating towels, 12 khaki banderchiefs, 274 dish towels, 18 cleaning cloths, 14 knitted wash cloths, 228 property bags.—Lillian M. Taggart, Chairman: Women's Work Committee.

The Health Return. During last week there were notified four cases of diphtheria (two British and two Chinese), three of enteric (one British and two Chinese) and one case of spotted fever (Chinese). The last named and one case each of the other diseases ended fatally. For the forty-eight hours ended yesterday there were notified one non-fatal occurrence of diphtheria (Chinese) and two cases of enteric (one British and one Chinese), of which one was fatal.

The Monroe Calculating Machine. The demand for calculating machine has grown in recent years and we can hardly think of any large store where these are not installed. The conservative Chinese still cling to his abacus and Messrs. Alex. Ross and Co., with the show window space at their disposal, are trying to weed the Chinese of this and are now exhibiting the 1918 Model of the Monroe Machine, alongside the abacus. The idea is happy and the contrast in the words of their poster:—"The 1918 A. D. Model Calculating Machine and the 2800 B. C. Model; Prices \$450 and \$1 respectively" is forcible, but the price need not have been mentioned. The machine can be used for figuring tonnage, foreign exchange, interest and discount, cost accounting, insurance accounting etc. It should be in every office.

Big Gun Range. Major General Coe, Chief of the U.S. Coast Artillery, has reported that ordnance development during the war has brought cannon makers to a point where with a 24-inch gun a range of 40 miles can easily be attained.

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